

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

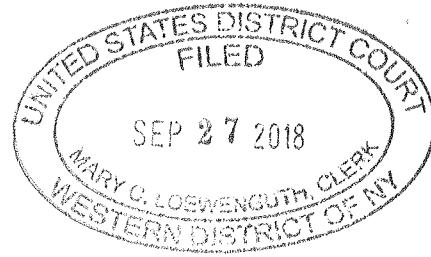
PAMELA S. SMALL,

Plaintiff,

v.

THE STATE NEW YORK, et al.,

Defendants.



VERDICT FORM
12-CV-1236S

We, the Jury, return the following verdict in Pamela S. Small v. The State of New York, et al., Docket No. 12-CV-1236S.

VERDICT OF THE JURY

Having been instructed on the law applicable to this case, you are now required to return a unanimous verdict. Follow the directions on this form carefully. Your answers to the questions must be unanimous. Any findings you make must be based on a preponderance of the evidence.

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**First and Second Claims:
Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
Hostile Work Environment/Sexual Harassment and Retaliation**

**First Claim
Hostile Work Environment/Sexual Harassment**

Liability

Question 1. Did Plaintiff Pamela Small prove, by a preponderance of the evidence, that New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS) subjected her to a hostile work environment/sexual harassment in violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964?

Yes

[] No

If you answered “**Yes**,” proceed to **Question 2** on the next page.

If you answered “**No**,” proceed to **Question 3** on page 4. Do not answer **Question 2**.

First Claim
Hostile Work Environment/Sexual Harassment

Affirmative Defense

Question 2. Did Defendant New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS) prove, by a preponderance of the evidence, that it exercised reasonable care to prevent and promptly correct any discriminatory behavior directed against Plaintiff Pamela Small and that Plaintiff Pamela Small unreasonably failed to take advantage of preventive or corrective opportunities provided by Defendant New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS) or that she otherwise failed to avoid harm?

Yes

No

Proceed to the next page.

Second Claim
Retaliation

Liability

Question 3. Did Plaintiff Pamela Small prove, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS) subjected her to retaliation in violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964?

Yes

No

Proceed to the next page.

**First and Second Claims:
Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
Hostile Work Environment/Sexual Harassment and Retaliation**

Damages

Answer Question 4 only if (1) you answered “yes” to Question 1 and “no” to Question 2, or (2) you answered “yes” to Question 3.

Question 4. What amount of compensatory damages, if any, do you find that Plaintiff Pamela Small should be awarded for Defendant New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision's (DOCCS) violation of her Title VII rights?

(Note: If you find that Plaintiff Pamela Small has not proven any compensatory damages, you *must* enter “\$1.00 – Nominal” on the line below.)

\$ 2,400,000

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**Third Claim
42 U.S.C. § 1983
Hostile Work Environment
Defendant Carl Cuer**

Liability

Question 5. Did Plaintiff Pamela Small prove, by a preponderance of the evidence, that Defendant Carl Cuer deprived her of her federally protected right to be free from a hostile work environment, in violation of 42 U.S.C. § 1983?

Yes

No

If you answered “**Yes**,” proceed to **Question 6** on the next page.

If you answered “**No**,” proceed to **Question 9** on page 9. Do not answer **Questions 6, 7, and 8**.

Affirmative Defense

Question 6. Did Defendant Carl Cuer prove, by a preponderance of the evidence, that he is entitled to qualified immunity because he neither knew nor should have known that his actions deprived Plaintiff Pamela Small of her federally protected right to be free from a hostile work environment?

Yes

No

If you answered “**Yes**,” proceed to **Question 9** on page 9. Do not answer **Questions 7 and 8**.

If you answered “**No**,” proceed to **Question 7** on the next page.

Proceed to the next page.

Damages

Question 7. What amount of compensatory damages, if any, do you find that Plaintiff Pamela Small should be awarded for Defendant Carl Cuer's deprivation of her federally protected right to be free from a hostile work environment?

(Note: If you find that Plaintiff Pamela Small has not proven any compensatory damages, you **must** enter "\$1.00 – Nominal" on the line below.)

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\$ 1,000,000

Question 8. What amount of punitive damages, if any, do you find that Plaintiff Pamela Small should be awarded for Defendant Carl Cuer's deprivation of her federally protected right to be free from a hostile work environment?

(Note: You **must** complete the line below. If you find that Plaintiff Pamela Small is not entitled to punitive damages, enter "none". If you find that she is entitled to punitive damages, enter the dollar figure.)

\$ 50,000

Proceed to the next page.

**Third Claim
42 U.S.C. § 1983
Hostile Work Environment
Defendant Sandra Dolce**

Liability

Question 9. Did Plaintiff Pamela Small prove, by a preponderance of the evidence, that Defendant Sandra Dolce deprived her of her federally protected right to be free from a hostile work environment, in violation of 42 U.S.C. § 1983?

Yes

No

If you answered “**Yes**,” proceed to **Question 10** on the next page.

If you answered “**No**,” proceed to **Question 13** on page 12. Do not answer **Questions 10, 11, and 12**.

Affirmative Defense

Question 10. Did Defendant Sandra Dolce prove, by a preponderance of the evidence, that she is entitled to qualified immunity because she neither knew nor should have known that her actions deprived Plaintiff Pamela Small of her federally protected right to be free from a hostile work environment?

[] Yes

No

If you answered “**Yes**,” proceed to **Question 13** on page 12. Do not answer **Questions 11 and 12**.

If you answered “**No**,” proceed to **Question 11** on the next page.

Proceed to the next page.

Damages

Question 11. What amount of compensatory damages, if any, do you find that Plaintiff Pamela Small should be awarded for Defendant Sandra Dolce's deprivation of her federally protected right to be free from a hostile work environment?

(Note: If you find that Plaintiff Pamela Small has not proven any compensatory damages, you **must** enter "\$1.00 – Nominal" on the line below.)

\$ 480,000

Question 12. What amount of punitive damages, if any, do you find that Plaintiff Pamela Small should be awarded for Defendant Sandra Dolce's deprivation of her federally protected right to be free from a hostile work environment?

(Note: You **must** complete the line below. If you find that Plaintiff Pamela Small is not entitled to punitive damages, enter "none". If you find that she is entitled to punitive damages, enter the dollar figure.)

\$ NONE

Proceed to the next page.

**Third Claim
42 U.S.C. § 1983
Hostile Work Environment
Defendant James Conway**

Liability

Question 13. Did Plaintiff Pamela Small prove, by a preponderance of the evidence, that Defendant James Conway deprived her of her federally protected right to be free from a hostile work environment, in violation of 42 U.S.C. § 1983?

Yes

No

If you answered “**Yes**,” proceed to **Question 14** on the next page.

If you answered “**No**,” proceed to **Question 17** on page 15. Do not answer **Questions 14, 15, and 16**.

Affirmative Defense

Question 14. Did Defendant James Conway prove, by a preponderance of the evidence, that he is entitled to qualified immunity because he neither knew nor should have known that his actions deprived Plaintiff Pamela Small of her federally protected right to be free from a hostile work environment?

[] Yes

No

If you answered “**Yes**,” proceed to **Question 17** on page 15. Do not answer **Questions 15 and 16**.

If you answered “**No**,” proceed to **Question 15** on the next page.

Proceed to the next page.

Damages

Question 15. What amount of compensatory damages, if any, do you find that Plaintiff Pamela Small should be awarded for Defendant James Conway's deprivation of her federally protected right to be free from a hostile work environment?

(Note: If you find that Plaintiff Pamela Small has not proven any compensatory damages, you **must** enter "\$1.00 – Nominal" on the line below.)

\$ 240,000

Question 16. What amount of punitive damages, if any, do you find that Plaintiff Pamela Small should be awarded for Defendant James Conway's deprivation of her federally protected right to be free from a hostile work environment?

(Note: You **must** complete the line below. If you find that Plaintiff Pamela Small is not entitled to punitive damages, enter "none". If you find that she is entitled to punitive damages, enter the dollar figure.)

\$ NONE

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Fourth Claim
New York Human Rights Law § 296 (6)
Aiding and Abetting Unlawful Discrimination and Hostile Work Environment
Defendant Carl Cuer

Answer Question 17 only if you answered “yes” to Question 1 or Question 3.

If you did not answer “yes” to either Question 1 or Question 3, proceed to page 17 and do not answer Questions 17, 18 and 19.

Liability

Question 17. Did Plaintiff Pamela Small prove, by a preponderance of the evidence, that Defendant Carl Cuer aided and abetted unlawful discrimination and hostile work environment, in violation of the New York Human Rights Law § 296 (6)?

Yes

No

If you answered “**Yes**,” proceed to **Question 18** on the next page.

If you answered “**No**,” proceed to page 17. Do not answer **Question 18**.

Damages

Question 18. What amount of compensatory damages, if any, do you find that Plaintiff Pamela Small should be awarded for Defendant Carl Cuer's aiding and abetting unlawful discrimination and hostile work environment, in violation of the New York Human Rights Law § 296 (6)?

(Note: If you find that Plaintiff Pamela Small has not proven any compensatory damages, you **must** enter "\$1.00 - Nominal" on the line below.)

\$ 680,000

Question 19. What amount of lost pay, if any, do you find that Plaintiff Pamela Small should be awarded for Defendant Carl Cuer's aiding and abetting unlawful discrimination and hostile work environment, in violation of the New York Human Rights Law § 296 (6)?

Loss of Back Pay \$ 370,000

Loss of Front Pay \$ 1800.00

Proceed to the next page.

Stop. This is the end of the verdict form. The foreperson must sign below and notify the Court, in writing, that the jury has reached a verdict.

I certify the above verdict to be true and accurate.

Dated: September 27, 2018
Buffalo, NY

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JURY FOREPERSON

[PLEASE REMEMBER THAT YOUR VERDICT MUST BE UNANIMOUS.]

Now that you have completed the verdict sheet, place it in the envelope provided and seal the envelope. Inform the Court by a written note that you have reached a verdict. Do not disclose the verdict to the Court or anyone else until you are asked to do so by the Judge in open Court.